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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 16, 2002, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants believe this submission necessitates no petition or fee. Nevertheless, if any petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge deposit account no. 20-0531.



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AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 6, 11, 17 and 22 without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the claims in this application and in related applications.

Please amend claims 4, 13 and 15 to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the TCF-II is produced recombinantly.

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13. (Twice Amended) A method for reducing lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced bacterial translocation in a mammal, the method comprising the step of:

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(a) administering to a mammal at risk of LPS-induced bacterial translocation in the intestine an amount of isolated or purified tissue cytotoxic factor – II (TCF-II) effective to reduce LPS-induced bacterial translocation.

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15. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the TCF-II is produced recombinantly.